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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. TAMURA, et al.

Application No.: 09/635,217

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For: AN EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE USING NON-VOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY

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Examiner: P. M. Bataille

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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May 24, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims and**

**Remarks are included following the amendments.**

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